

## THE BIG SCAM--RABIES VACCINATION

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We are told rabies vaccinations for our pets are "required" by law, but let me explain the two basic forms of law. One is the legal Constitutional and Common law that this country was founded on, and the other is "colorable" law passed by Administrative agencies and the bureaucrats, who have been given the authority to pass laws. Black's Law Dictionary 5<sup>th</sup> Edition defines colorable law as *"That which is in appearance only, and not in reality, what purports to be, hence counterfeit, feigned, having the appearance of truth"*.

Please note that all mandatory rabies vaccination programs are colorable law, thus they have been passed and mandated upon the pet owning public by vested interest groups. And who are these groups? Primarily, they are the veterinarians and the veterinary medical organizations. Next are the local animal control personnel, bureaucrats, and of course, our politicians. And why would they mandate a law that harms our animals? The answer lies in GREED, POWER AND CONTROL. Yes, these large and powerful interest groups stand to benefit greatly by having rabies vaccines mandated by colorable law.

Veterinarians receive a large percentage of both their gross income and profit from vaccines given in their offices. On average, vaccines that cost a vet a mere \$1-2 per dose cost his client \$15-\$25 (based on fees in the 1990's), and substantially more in large metropolitan areas. There is tremendous financial gain to veterinarians to have a colorable law passed that requires annual rabies vaccinations. The veterinary medical societies know that so work with special interest groups and area politicians to garner more prestige and higher professional standing in the community. After all, the veterinarians are protecting you from rabies, regardless of whether it exists or not. Some areas of the country are more enlightened and fortunate to have the rabies vaccine mandated every three years. Shockingly, the presence of the disease or even its threat is never taken into account in the decision to require the vaccine.

As local government extends its control over animal populations, disease, and health risks, it is enriching the public treasury with fees, tags and fines. Since rabies vaccines have been mandated, however, there has been no increase or improvement in animal control, public awareness, responsibility of pet owners, or birth control. And there has been no decrease in euthanasia, dog or cat bites, or animal control facilities. No improvements in the issues above have resulted from laws requiring rabies vaccinations.

Special interest groups and lobbies will not only argue creatively, but will also use the media, in an effort to distort the truth and justify their prejudiced positions. For example, have you heard that more dogs are biting people, more pit bulls are attacking and killing children, more dogs and cats are running loose terrorizing neighborhoods, and killing wildlife and other domestic stock? Such are the arguments in favor of rabies vaccinations, yet the only use of the vaccine should be to protect animals from the rabies virus. All other justifiers are irrelevant. Rabies is spread by the bite of an

infected animal. Exposure of humans to rabies is exceedingly rare, and the number of infected dog/cat bites is as low as the number of shark attacks. This low incident rate remained stable before and after the mandatory vaccination requirement.

My Affinity Holistic Clinic was located in Pinellas County, Florida, now in Idaho, and through the Freedom of Information Act, I was able to secure information from the Pinellas Florida Animal Control. Their records begin in 1964 and from that time through 1978 there were NO cases of dog rabies in the county. Despite the absence of any documented threat, in 1978 the rabies vaccine was mandated to be given annually to all dogs who were to be tagged and licensed. WHY? Well, it appears that four veterinarians, specifically, three local vets, and a professor from the State Veterinary College, along with animal control bureaucrats insisted the County Board of Supervisors pass a law mandating annual rabies vaccinations. The basis for such a law, documented in the minutes of the county meeting, included the threat of dogs biting people, dogs running loose, animal overpopulation, and an increase in rabies in the U.S. This last argument had nothing to do with dogs, but only an increase in rabies in wildlife. There was no mention of the fact that there was absolutely NO rabies in dogs in the county. To date, there is still NO case of dog rabies, including the population of dogs whose owners responsibly do not vaccinate their pets.

From 1964 to 1989 there were NO cases of rabies in cats in Pinellas County Florida. However, in 1989, another law was passed (by the previous individuals for dogs) mandating rabies vaccination, tags, and licenses... this time to feline victims. The same arguments requiring vaccines were set forth, and again since the 1989 law was put into effect, there have only been a few cases of feral cats contracting the disease from a bat or other such animal bite. To restate the facts given above, there have been NO cases of rabies in pet companion dogs or cats in Pinellas County either before or after laws mandating rabies vaccinations. And the same statistics hold true throughout the U.S., yet annual rabies vaccinations are required and there are NO allowances made for pets who never leave their home or yard, could never be exposed to rabies under any circumstance, or who are ill or aged where the vaccination could severely compromise their health. Vaccinations are required by our local government bureaucrats and there are NO exceptions to the rule.

Please understand that in certain areas of our country, rabies does exist in wildlife population and thus some dogs/cats may become infected. Rabies, like many diseases, has been on this earth long before man and will be here long after he is gone. The only way to eradicate the virus is to remove man and those certain animals that are susceptible. The disease is self-limiting in the wild because it is fatal, and thus the spread of the virus is extremely difficult.

Implementation of a program targeting those areas of the country that pose a rabies risk is logical. However, the indiscriminate mandate is totally unnecessary and in fact, severely compromises the health and welfare of our animals. Pet owners, of course, would not then incur the costs of vaccination and thus, the revenue stream to veterinarians and local government would diminish. Perhaps, it is time for pet owners to educate themselves as to the risk of their pet contracting rabies versus the risk of the

vaccine and the potential damage to the pet? Remember... we do have a Constitutionally-secured right to LIFE, LIBERTY, and THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. And yes, public health officials do have the right to mandate emergency health care procedures should the public improperly respond. However, no such emergency or crisis exists and there is no need for this additional control to be enforced upon you or your animals.

Vaccines in general and particularly the rabies vaccine, are a political and economic scam forced upon unknowing and uninformed pet owners. The disease of rabies is simply not the threat that veterinarians, media, politicians, and bureaucrats would like you to believe it is. For more information, please visit your local city or county government building and look up the codes and statutes concerning rabies and other vaccines. Get figures from local animal control for the incidents of rabies in dogs, cats and wildlife in your area. Knowledge is power and when you discern the truth, you can begin to take control of your life and protect your pets from the unnecessary regulation of special groups who put their financial interests ahead of the welfare of your animals. After all, vaccine-induced weakened immune systems keep veterinarian offices filled.

“Current Veterinary Therapy” by Kirk is the text book bible for veterinarians. In it there is an article written by two researchers on the subject of canine and feline vaccines. There is a paragraph titled, Annual Vaccinations wherein is stated, ***“The practice of annual vaccinations lacks scientific validity or verification. There is no immunological requirement for annual vaccinations. The practice of annual vaccinations should be considered of questionable efficacy unless it is used as a mechanism to provide an annual physical examination or is required by law.”*** Simply stated, since there is NO proof that vaccinations are warranted, it was necessary for a law to be passed before the public would adhere to such a ridiculous policy, notwithstanding the fact that veterinarians make money vaccinating your pets.

We all have choices in life, but when we subject our unconditionally loving dogs, cats and other animals to not only unnecessary, but highly detrimental vaccinations, we are causing needless suffering to both our pets and ourselves. Think about it. We want the best for our animals, but by giving them vaccines, we may actually be harming them. Do not allow yourself to be misled. Get the facts and take control of your animal’s health. Your pets deserve the best you can do for them. I am available to help you and advise you in any way that I can. I can fight with you, but I cannot do it alone. You must help your animals.

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